

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Adam Kiedrowski on March 11 and March 13, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

in claim 2, in line 1, after "body" the phrase "for treating urinary incontinence" has been inserted;

in claim 2, in line 7, after "elements" the phrase "positioned beneath the electrode surface" has been inserted;

in claim 4, in line 7, after "elements" the phrase "positioned beneath the electrode surface" has been inserted;

in claim 6, in line 1, after "body" the phrase "for treating urinary incontinence" has been inserted;

in claim 6, in line 7, after "elements" the phrase "positioned beneath the electrode surface" has been inserted;

in claim 9, in line 1, after "body" the phrase "for treating urinary incontinence" has been inserted;

in claim 9, in line 7, after "elements" the phrase "positioned beneath the electrode surface" has been inserted;

in claim 15, in line 7, after “elements” the phrase “positioned beneath the electrode surface” has been inserted.

The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance:

None of the prior art of record discloses or suggests a method of controlling the temperature of an applicator body for treating urinary incontinence, comprising in part the following steps:

providing an applicator body that comprises at least one electrode surface;
delivering a coolant through a conduit in at least a portion of the applicator body at a substantially constant rate;

delivering sufficient heat energy, from within the applicator body, to the at least one electrode surface by energizing one or more heating elements positioned beneath the electrode surface so that the at least one electrode surface of the applicator body is cooled by the coolant to a desired temperature;

delivering therapeutic electrical energy through the at least one cooled electrode surface; and

contacting the at least one electrode surface against a surface adjacent pelvic support tissue.

None of the prior art discloses the above applicator structure (an example being Figure 4A of the applicant) wherein separate the heating elements are positioned beneath the electrode surface so that the at least one electrode surface of the applicator body is cooled by the coolant to a desired temperature.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Roy D. Gibson whose telephone number is 571-272-4767. The examiner can normally be reached on Tu-Th, 7:30 am-4:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Linda Dvorak can be reached on 571-272-4764. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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